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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND CZECHOSLOVAK
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
REF: PRAGUE 1227, AND PREVIOUS.

1. AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH WORKING RELATIONSHIP BEWGEN U.S. AND CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE WAS INITIALLED IN PRAGUE ON JUNE 7. MR. CHARLES H. SMITH, JR., CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF U.S. CHAMBER AND LEADER OF DELEGATION, INITIALLED FOR U.S. CHAMBER; AND DR. POMIEN MATUSKA, VICE PRESIDENT OF CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER, INITIALLED FOR CZECH SIDE, IN ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT LUDVIK CERNY WHO IS ABROAD ON BUSINESS.

2. ACCORDING TO U.S. CHAMBER REPRESENTATIVES, THE AGREEMENT IS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THOSE SIGNED BETWEEN U.S. CHABER AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN CHAMBERS, INCLUDING THOSE OF POLAND, HUNGARY AND ROMANIA. BRIEFLY, AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR CREATION OF ECONOMIC COUNCIL TO SERVE AS PRINCIPAL VEHICLE FOR BILATERAL TIES BETWEEN TWO CHA BERS. IN U.S. CHAMBER,
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COUNCIL WILL BE COMPOSED OF HIGH-LEVEL EXECUTIVES OF U.S.

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FIRMS HAVING INTEREST IN AND PROSPECTS FOR TRADE WITH
CZECHOSLOVAKIA; IN CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER, SIMILAR NUMBER
AND GRADE OF ENTERPRISE MANAGERS INTERESTED IN COMMERCIAL
TIES WITH U.S. FIRMS WILL SERVE AS COUNCIL MEMBERS. COUNCIL
WILL PROVIDE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF BRAOD RANGE OF COMMERCAIL
ISSUES, AND WILL MEET ALTERNATELY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA
AND UNITED STATES ON A SCHEDULE TO BE AGREED UPON.
NEGOTIATING SESSIONS WERE MARKED BY EXTREME CORDIALITY ON
PART OF CZECH HOSTS AND PRACTICALLY NO POINTS OF CONTENTION
AROSE AS BOTH SIDE MOVED QUICKLY TO APPROVE TEST OF AGREEMENT
EXCHANGED IN DRAFT BEFOREHAND.

3. INITIALLING CEREMONY LIKELY TO BE CARRIED ON
NATIONAL TV EVENING JUNE 7, AND CHAIRMAN SMITH ALSO
GRANTED INTERVIEW TO LOCAL AP CORRESPONDENT. FOLLOWING
CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS, AMONG OTHERS, WERE PRESENT AT
INITIALLING CEREMONY:
MR. JAROSLAV ZANTOVSKY, HEAD OF SIXTH DEPARTMENT, MFA
MR. JAROSLAV MERCL, CHIEF OF SECTION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
TRADE
DR. JAROSLAV HAMPL, CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER
ING. JAROSLAV HANZLIK, CZECHOSLOVAK CHAMBER
THE CHARGE AND EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER,
ROBERT FARRAND, ALSO ATTENDED.
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